

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows. A clean, non-marked up copy of the amended Abstract appears on its own sheet attached to this Amendment and Response.

The invention pertains to a device for the 3D free-form bending of profiles with arbitrary, but constant outside dimensions over the profile length, particularly hollow profiles, wherein the profile (7)-to be bent has a longitudinal axis (L)-and is moved through the through-opening (1e) of a guide element (1)-adjoining the profile surface and a bending sleeve (5)-that is arranged downstream of the guide element (1)-referred to the feed direction (V)-and held in a carrier element (4)-in a feed direction (V)-that extends parallel to the longitudinal axis (L), namely by means of a feed unit (3)-that contains a rotary drive. The bending sleeve (5)-can be pivoted about an axis that extends perpendicular to the feed direction (V)-and displaced perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (L)-of the profile (7)-such that it acts upon the profile (7) in a bending fashion. ~~The device is characterized in that, w~~When turning the profile (7)-about its longitudinal axis (L) by means of the feed unit (3), the guide element (1)-and the bending sleeve (5)-can be turned with the profile (7). ~~This allows the three-dimensional bending of profiles (7), in particular, with non-circular cross section.~~